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### THE WAR AFTER THE WAR

THIS refers to hostilities in Europe and the increased efficiency of British, German and French manufacturers due to strained industrial conditions arising from the war that is now running close to the third anniversary. In the same sense it refers to the recent presidential campaign in which the Republicans endeavored to impress on the voters of the nation the necessity for adopting a protective tariff in lieu of the Democratic free trade system that promised to make this nation that slaughter house of foreign producers. The suggestion was treated in a most cavalier way by Mr. Wilson and his apostles of high finance, and the blandishments of the administration oracles, backed by the steel ring, evidently made such a deep impression on the public mind that the electors decided that the Hughes spellbinders were thrashing the air like a lot of idle windmills. Woodrow Wilson himself, on the stand in the leading cities of the east, painted a gloomy picture of European conditions in which appeared as a foreground thousands of crippled ex-soldiers shorn of their usefulness and their earning capacity depreciated from 50 to 75 per cent. These shadows of manhood, the president delighted in saying, could never compete with the lusty youth and fertile invention of the United States. The idea of a war of industrial competition after the sanguinary contest in Europe was ended was lampooned and the theory of an open field without fear or favorites was preached from every rostrum in the land. The Republicans were armed with absolute figures of what was going on in Europe, but they were treated with scant courtesy by the Democrats, whose arguments appealed to the pride of a people fattening on the ill-gotten gains of carnage and destruction. The American people did not want to be convinced of the proximity of danger and to prove their faith in the preachments of Mr. Wilson they voted him another term.

Today the Democratic free trade administration is condemned out of its own mouth by the action of Secretary Daniels in awarding a munitions contract to an English firm that binds itself to deliver to the United States certain sized shells to be used in American cannon for an individual price of some \$200 a shell less than the lowest price asked by the leading American manufacturers. Remember this is at a time when Great Britain is engaged in a struggle employing a majority of its able-bodied citizens and the munition factories of England, France and Germany are operated to a large extent by women. If this competition can become profitable at a time when war envelops Europe what will happen when 10,000,000 fighting artisans are returned to their regular avocations?

Wilson assured us that there could not be any industrial war after the bloody war in Europe, but he must have missed fire, for the first effects of the intense efficiency evolved across the Atlantic has actuated the Republican members of congress to introduce a bill making it unlawful for this country to buy ordnance or munitions from another nation.

### FARM PROFITS IN NEVADA

EVERY miner and prospector entertains the idea that some day he will retire from the activities of delving for ore and turn his attention to other crops that afford him a greater percentage of sunshine with the advantage of home life surrounded by a few chickens and other luxuries that appeal from every page of the agricultural magazines to one in the arid region. Of course, nothing but the rosy aspect of farm life is presented by the men whose principal aim is to make more attractive the grind of life on the farm. Unfortunately many of the men who have made their money in Nevada mines have sought nothing beyond the delights of high priced fruit lands in the adjoining state of California, where an acre frequently commands as high as \$2500, with reasonable doubts of ever securing better than a five per cent return on the investment. The opportunities in Nevada are many times greater than the best that California can offer and the cheapness of the land is due to the lack of publicity to make acquainted the many desirable places close to excellent schools where opportunity beckons the settler at every turn in the road. In round figures, the production of the metals in this state for the year 1916 is placed at the princely figure of \$40,000,000, but many handsome fortunes have been acquired in the more prosaic business of cultivating the land on a small scale commensurate with the limited capital of the average settler. For instance, the department of agriculture has announced the results of its canvass of the farm industry for the past year with the result that Nevada appears credited with an advance of almost \$5,000,000 over the year 1915. The value of the crops sold in Nevada in 1915 was \$17,148,000, compared with \$12,988,000 for 1915, leaving a net gain of \$4,160,000, divided among a comparatively small number of farmers. When it is known that this realization came during a year ranking as one of the most disastrous from a growing point of view, it will be apparent that, with normal conditions, the profits would be much larger. This state suffered severely from two late frosts that killed a large percentage of the early wheat and diminished the first cutting of alfalfa to an extent that almost wiped out the first growth. This year will see the harvest value of Nevada farms excel the receipts of 1916 by almost another \$3,000,000, making a clear gain of over \$7,000,000 in the farm value of this state in the short period of two years. Thrifty workers cannot do better than to take a flyer in the lands of Nevada, which are begging for buyers at prices that appeal to all who have an opportunity to study them in comparison with others. By investing in Nevada farm lands the buyer will not be paying a fancy price for sunshine and tropical verdure, but is taking on a commitment that is bound to enhance every year while producing fruitfully.

### CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

IN treating of county extravagance in the past four years, the Bonanza has had occasion to call attention to the pile of junk bought by the former board of county commissioners dominated by Ferguson and Marsh. In this exquisite collection of fossilized antiquities foisted on the taxpayers the motor truck has played a prominent part. This vehicle had survived its usefulness when added to the collection of curios amassed by Nye county and it never enjoyed a day of perfect health and three hours consecutive running during the time succeeding the transfer of title from the former owners who were fortunate in placing this juicy lemon with this county. The machine was of an obsolete pattern and its vintage so remote that nobody could trace its ancestry. When Nye county became the proud but unenvied possessor of this relic of better days

the Bonanza was among the first to censure the purchase. At that time it was assumed by many that the wheeled derelict was bought by unanimous consent of the board, but the fact is that the only protest against the deal was filed by the present chairman and the long term commissioner, Dick Davis, who vigorously strove to prevent consummation of the purchase. He acted in the interest of the taxpayers, but was overruled by Ferguson and Marsh, and what criticism remains to be written should be qualified by the testimony that Dick Davis manfully stood out against the alleged bargain. The present board of commissioners, of which Mr. Davis is chairman by virtue of his seniority, is now on the verge of scrapping the venerable vehicle and purchasing a modern up-to-date motor truck that will do something besides standing as an unsightly blot in the backyard of the courthouse, unable to help itself or induce others to take it out for needful exercise. A road outfit capable of proper service would return its value a hundred fold to the county and materially reduce the cost of construction and repairs. In the present cramped condition of county finances, due to the administrations of recent years, it is probable that it may be necessary to ask for authority to float a bond issue, which could be done so that the primary expense would not fall upon taxpayers in one or two years, but be spread out over a term of five or ten years to equalize the burden.

While the remainder of the country is suffering from a coal famine, the law of contrasts is emphasized by the announcement from the heart of the coal producing country that Seranton is experiencing a beer famine such as never magnified the thirst of the unfortunates of that lively town before. Owing to a strike, last reports stated, there was not enough suds to last for more than three days.

Just as a coincidence, it may be mentioned that the day the legislature was to assemble at Carson City the local papers carried conspicuously displayed an ad reading: "Beginning today, we will carry the finest free lunch in town." Of course there was no connection between the ad and the assembly, but thoughtless persons could not be blamed for doing some thinking.

President Wilson should not have to consult the seers to find that a bond issue to pay current expenses of the administration is not an approved form of finance.

The rise in temperature may put Thaw in the Buckeye mine, where the icicles hang like stalactites of the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky.

## PROHIBITION PARTY IS GOING IT ALONE

SUGGESTED THAT FUSION BE PUT OFF UNTIL CAMPAIGN OF 1920

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—When the national committee of the Prohibition party completed last night's session the proposition to amalgamate with any major political party which would incorporate prohibition in its platform seemed doomed.

The question was put squarely up to the committee by Oliver W. Stewart, who advocated the merger plan, but was voted down. Many committeemen expressed the opinion that the party would retain its entity until after the elections of 1918, although ready to co-operate with all other anti-liquor organizations. Those opposing Mr. Stewart's resolution held that it would be wise to wait until 1920 to see if William J. Bryan would be able to swing the Democrats to prohibition.

## MEXICAN MINE RUNS STEADILY

John A. Chesnut, managing director of the San Vicente Mining company, is visiting Tonopah. The company's property is situated 150 miles east of Port of Mazatlan, Mexico, near the center of the state of Sinaloa.

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Mr. Chesnut says that he has good success in the employment of native labor. The machine men all sharpen their own drills. They use what are called fish-tail points, which enable rapid drilling.

The Mexican constitutional assembly is still working away at the constitution.

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December 31, 1915, to cash on hand	\$
To assessments collected during 1916	\$
To amount received from other sources	\$
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Balance on hand December 31, 1916	\$

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A side issue of more than usual interest in the Vanderbilt Cup Race, Santa Monica, Cal., Nov. 16th, was the battle of the Tires. Both Goodrich and Goodyear were out to win, and much emphasis was placed upon the standing of the contestants in the championship table. While Aitken in the early stages of the race was leading, it looked very much as if Goodyear would score; but Resta, who was the backbone of the Goodrich offense, soon made his presence felt, and when he assumed the lead there was much animation apparent in the Goodrich camp. Later, when it developed that the four leading cars were equipped with Goodrich Tires, telegrams were flashed to every section of the country announcing the victory, which again places the Goodrich in the van for 1916 championship honor. Every car that finished carried Bosch equipment, the majority of them having Bosch spark plugs in addition to magnitos of the same make.

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